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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - VIENNA-BERLIN ROUTE PROPOSAL

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1. EMBASSY WOULD VERY MUCH FAVOR ATTEMPT TO SECURE PANAM RIGHTS TO OPERATE VIENNA-BERLIN SERVICE. IF EFFORT WERE SUCCESSFUL, INTRODUCTION OF WEST BERLIN-VIENNA SERVICE WOULD BE A WELCOME COUNTERBALANCE TO PRESENT AUA SCHOENEFELD CONNECTION TO VIENNA AND COULD WELL GALVANIZE APPARENTLY DORMANT AUA EFFORTS TO GAIN GDR OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS.

2. WE COULD, HOWEVER, ENCOUNTER SOME RESISTANCE HERE IN GAINING ALLIED (PARTICULARLY BRITISH) AND FRG CONCUR-

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ENCE IN ESTABLISHING YET ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL IGS SERVICE. GIVEN PRESENT UNCERTAINTIES REGARDING BEA'S

COMMERCIAL POSITION ON THE BERLIN SERVICES, THE BRITISH MAY WELL BALK AT THE POTENTIAL DIVERSIONARY IMPACT (NO MATTER HOW SLIGHT) OF ADDING DIRECT WEST BERLIN SERVICE TO AUA'S FROM SCHOENEFELD, PARTICULARLY SO SOON AFTER PAA'S ZURICH PROPOSAL.

3. WHILE POLITICAL ASPECTS OF THIS SERVICE WOULD PROBABLY PROVE COMPELLING WHERE THE FRG IS CONCERNED, WE THINK THAT AGGREGATE COMMERCIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR LUFTHANSA OF BOTH ZURICH AND VIENNA-BERLIN SERVICES MIGHT GIVE GERMAN CIVIL AIR QUARTERS SOME PAUSE FOR THOUGHT. NONETHELESS, WE BELIEVE PROPOSAL WARRANTS FULL US SUPPORT HERE BUT WOULD RECOMMEND RAISING IT IN THE APPROPRIATE FORUM (PROBABLY BCATAG) AFTER WE HAVE HAD A RESPONSE TO OUR RECENT BCATAG INITIATIVE ON THE ZURICH SERVICE.
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